



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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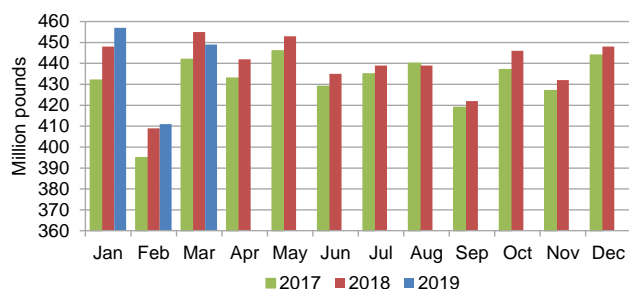
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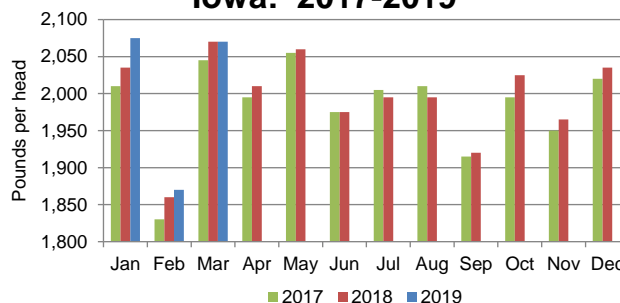
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Milk production in Iowa during March 2019 totaled 449 million pounds, down 1 percent from the previous March according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during March, at 217,000 head, was down 3,000 from both last month and last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,070 pounds, even with last March.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2017-2019**



**Milk Production per Cow
Iowa: 2017-2019**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: March 2018 and 2019

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	Change from 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	211	201	2,205	2,200	465	442	-4.9
California	1,738	1,729	2,065	2,090	3,589	3,614	0.7
Colorado	173	182	2,230	2,205	386	401	3.9
Florida	123	116	1,895	1,915	233	222	-4.7
Idaho	607	616	2,085	2,085	1,266	1,284	1.4
Illinois	93	84	1,875	1,865	174	157	-9.8
Indiana	185	181	1,995	1,970	369	357	-3.3
Iowa	220	217	2,070	2,070	455	449	-1.3
Kansas	157	164	2,040	2,000	320	328	2.5
Michigan	425	424	2,260	2,275	961	965	0.4
Minnesota	454	450	1,865	1,890	847	851	0.5
New Mexico	334	322	2,220	2,210	741	712	-3.9
New York	625	627	2,020	2,060	1,263	1,292	2.3
Ohio	262	252	1,875	1,850	491	466	-5.1
Oregon	121	124	1,750	1,780	212	221	4.2
Pennsylvania	524	495	1,830	1,805	959	893	-6.9
South Dakota	120	124	1,900	1,900	228	236	3.5
Texas	530	557	2,105	2,120	1,116	1,181	5.8
Utah	99	99	1,955	1,960	194	194	0.0
Vermont	128	126	1,805	1,855	231	234	1.3
Virginia	86	76	1,765	1,755	152	133	-12.5
Washington	275	278	2,070	2,040	569	567	-0.4
Wisconsin	1,274	1,270	2,045	2,060	2,605	2,616	0.4
23-State Total	8,764	8,714	2,034	2,044	17,826	17,815	-0.1

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 17.8 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from March 2018. February revised production at 16.0 billion pounds, was up 0.4 percent from February 2018. The February revision represented a decrease of 37 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 2,044 pounds for March, 10 pounds above March 2018. This is the highest production per cow for the month of March since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.71 million head, 50,000 head less than March 2018, and 9,000 head less than February 2019.

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 54.5 billion pounds, up 0.2 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.35 million head, 8,000 head less than the October - December quarter, and 84,000 head less than the same period last year.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

